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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO USE AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, NOT TO ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION OF A NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT SUPERHIGHWAY SYSTEM OR A UNION WITH MEXICO AND CANADA AND TO REEVALUATE EXISTING TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS MEMORIAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

To the President and the Congress of the United States of America:

Whereas, the President and the Congress of the United States during the course of their duties often times enter into treaties and other bilateral and multi-lateral agreements with foreign nations and organizations of foreign nations, such as the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America; and

Whereas, some treaties and agreements by intent, error or misinterpretation might have adverse negative effects on the sovereignty and best interests of the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, Congressman Virgil Goode, Jr. and 46 cosponsors have introduced House Concurrent Resolution 40 to express "the sense of Congress that the United States should not engage in the construction of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or enter into a North American Union with Mexico and Canada"; and

Whereas, the citizens of the United States have historically cherished, fought for and died to protect the sovereignty of the United States; and

Whereas, the guiding principle behind the foreign policy of the United States of America should always be to advance what is in the best interests of the citizens of the United States, politically, socially and economically. Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of

Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

- 1. That, in all matters relating to the adoption of treaties and agreements with foreign governments and organizations of foreign governments, the President and Congress use as guiding principles the maintenance of the historically cherished sovereignty of the United States and the advancement of the best interests of the citizens of the United States, including jobs and wages, in wording that is clear and unequivocal.
- 2. That the United States not enter into construction of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or enter into a North American Union with Mexico and Canada.
- 3. That existing treaties and agreements be publicly and thoroughly reevaluated to ensure compliance with the principles of this memorial.
- 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

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